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New Skate Park Slated to Open March 26

Community Invited to Help Landscape Prior to Opening

CANAL WINCHESTER – Local skaters will soon have a place to call their own this Spring Break thanks to a new skate park in Canal Winchester. The new skate park, located in front of Hanners Park at 590 Groveport Road, is expected to open at 5p.m. March 26 immediately following a landscaping volunteer event.

Members of the community are invited to help landscape from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. prior to the park's opening. The landscaping event is weather-dependent and will not be postponed. If the landscaping event is rained out, the remaining work will be completed at the first opportunity.

Built by Who Skates, the new skate park was originally designed at 3,200 square feet and grew to nearly 4,000 square feet upon completion. Although the site increased in size, it was still built within budget.

"Who Skates was great to work with," said Director of Public Works Matt Peoples. "We got everything we asked for and more from them."

The council-approved skate park was at the request of local skaters. The village worked closely with these skaters throughout the entire process to create a skate park that would meet their needs. Local skaters reviewed proposed designs, and based on their input, the park includes features such as a quarter pipe, a handrail and a Barcelona ledge.

The village would like to thank Who Skates and everyone else who played a role in the completion of the skate park. Gary Bumpus, Chair of the Street Tree Advisory Board, designed the landscaping diagram for the park and volunteers helped implement his plan. Several other companies also deserve credit for their contribution to the completion of the skate park through in-kind donations, including:

- Seals Excavating
- Busey Road Aggregates
- Sunbelt Rentals
- DS Builders
- Kellar Construction
- Home Depot
- Kurtz Brothers

Peoples added, "We're very happy with how the skate park turned out. I hope the skaters in the area appreciate the new facility and are able to enjoy it for years to come."

All standard village park rules will apply at the new skate park. The skate park will be open from dawn to dusk and all skaters using the park will do so at their own risk. A complete list of skate park rules will be posted at the site.

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